

## **Don & Lapreal Hatch Ray Barn**

Olive Caroline Hill Cluff, 3rd wife of David Cluff Jr., requested and received a patented homestead right to a potential farm in Center Creek in 1883. In 1908, Don & Lapreal Hatch Ray, purchased the farm from Olive. About 1912, this old log barn was built by the Ray family. The pine logs were held together by dove-tail, and secured by wooden pegs. The foundation was made of Lake Creek red sandstone. Pillars of sandstone were also used to build a cattle shed nearby. This barn was located behind the present home of Phil & Kim McDonald, at 2460 E on 1200 South in Center Creek. This was one corner of the original homestead.

Subsequent owners included these men and their families: James William Rooker & wife Martha Jane Duke Rooker; John B Johnson & Family; Kenneth & Mable Lindsay Anderson who purchased the farm in 1941; then Ken used the barn for hay storage and cattle lounging. Later, in 1941, a stiff windstorm blew most of the barn down. Ken rebuilt the east end of what remained into a smaller shed. Finally the present owners Phil & Kim McDonald, purchased it in 1996. (Note: This research & write-up by Dorcas Anderson--Joe's wife.)

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### **OLIVE CAROLINE HILL CLUFF**

Olive Caroline Hill was the third wife of David Cluff Jr. and was born in the State of Virginia. As she arrived at womanhood her parents moved from Virginia to South Carolina, where they lived during the Civil War. Soon after this war the Mormon Elders came into that section of the country and she became converted and was baptized. She had a desire to gather with the Saints in Utah, where she was married to David Cluff Jr. on 6 May 1871. She passed through many trials but she never had a desire to return to her birthplace. She had one son, Robert William born 12 March 1872 in Provo, Utah. They came to Center to live and lived on the place now owned by Kenneth Anderson. Her son lived near her with

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his wife, Martha Elizabeth Heaten, whom he married 31 Dec. 1895.

In 1883 Olive Hill Cluff received the homestead patent and settled on a farm in Center Creek at the corner of 1200 South and 2400 East. In 1908 Don and Lapreal Hatch Ray purchased the farm from Olive. It was around 1912 when they built this old log barn. They used dovetail joints to hold the pine logs together. They laid sandstone for the foundation of the structure. The stone was also used for pillars that held a shelter for the cattle. The next two subsequent owners were James and Martha Rooker and John B. Johnson. Kenneth and Mabel Anderson purchased the farm in 1941. Ken used the barn for cattle lounging and feed storage. In 1941 during a strong windstorm most of the barn fell down. Ken salvaged the East end and rebuilt it into a smaller shed. It is still standing and in use today. Phil and Kim McDonald bought the barnyard in 1996.

Phil & Kim's Barn 5625

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## Barn Identity:

Picture(s) of the barn.

Name of the original owner: Don + Laprel Ray 1908<sup>(Hatch)</sup>  
(with his Picture, History, Pedigree, and Family Group Sheet.)

Address of the barn:

Who actually built the barn?

When did they build it? about 1912

What materials were used?

Logs

Peculiar characteristics of the barn:

Who were the subsequent owners?

James + Martha Hooker

Sohn B Johnson

1941 Ken + Mabel Anderson - Phil + Kim McDonald<sup>1996</sup>

Added significant history of the barn:

The wind Blew barn down in 1948

Ken Anderson used <sup>+ Rebuilt</sup> the East end of the Structure for a shed.

The Original Barn was on sandstone Pillars  
on the West side. Shelter for Cows<sup>1886</sup>

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